



**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE  
2012 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print / type name of candidate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Office sought*

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Zip*

Contact Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Day Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Evening Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*E-mail*

**I ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

- I have been informed that the estimated cost and deposit for my candidate statement is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- I agree that if the actual cost of the candidate statement exceeds the amount paid in advance, I will pay the additional sum to the County of San Bernardino within 30 days of the billing notification for such amount.
- I agree that if the amount billed is not paid within 30 days following such notification, and the Elections Official thereafter commences legal action against me for the recovery of said amount, I will pay all costs of such action, including costs and reasonable attorney's fees in an amount to be fixed by the court.
- I have been informed that if the amount paid in advance is more than the actual cost of the candidate statement, the Elections Official will refund the excess amount within 30 days of the election.
- I agree that any notice, refund or billing pertaining to my candidate statement shall be mailed to me at the address set forth above and shall be deemed completed upon deposit in the United States mail.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Candidate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**I DO NOT ELECT TO FILE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Candidate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**I HEREBY WITHDRAW MY CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

- I request the County of San Bernardino to refund the deposit amount paid in advance, within 30 days of the election.

**Note:** A candidate may withdraw his or her candidate statement by signing and submitting this withdrawal notice to the Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the candidate filing (nomination) period.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Candidate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

### Content:

- Be accurate. **Statements will be printed as submitted.** Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors **will not** be corrected by the Elections Office.
- Elections Code §13308 restricts any candidate statement to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and prohibits any reference to other candidates for the office sought or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.
- Only a cursory review of the candidate's statement will be done at the time of filing to ensure that the statement is acceptable in word content and formatting. If a candidate statement is filed that is not in compliance with the Elections Code, the Elections Official may strike any language not in compliance.
- Elections Code §13313 allows for a ten day public examination period of all candidate statements prior to submittal for printing in the Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot. During this period, the Elections Official, or any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the candidate statements to be amended or deleted.
- The **"OCCUPATION"** field in the candidate statement is not restricted in the same manner as the ballot designation that appears underneath the candidates' name on the Official Ballot. Therefore, it may be different than the candidate's ballot designation.
- The **"AGE"** and **"OCCUPATION"** fields in the candidate statement are optional. If a candidate does not place an age and/or occupation on the candidate statement document, it will appear blank when printed.

### Size & Format:

- Candidates for Superior Court Judge, County Offices and Local District Offices are limited to **200 words**.
- Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and Member of the State Assembly are limited to **250 words**.
- Regardless of the word count limitation, statements must fit inside a half page square in the Voter Information Guide measuring 4.75" wide by 3.25" tall. The template below is the actual size allowed for each statement.
- Statements will be printed in type of uniform size and darkness, and with uniform spacing.
- Candidate statements will be printed in 8 point Arial font.

### Submittal

- Candidate statement can be submitted in the template below or submitted on a separate paper document.
- Once the statement has been filed, it may not be changed by the candidate.

Use the template below to prepare and submit your Candidate Statement

NAME: OCCUPATION:	AGE:	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
		I attest that the accompanying candidate statement is my original.
		<hr/> <i>Signature of Candidate</i>